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News briefs

Chief of staff survey

Members of United States Air Forces in Europe have the opportunity to take part in the 2001 Chief of Staff Organization Climate Survey Oct. 1 through Nov. 16.

"Since honest feedback is essential to leaders in accessing the health of an organization, this survey provides Air Force members a chance to tell us how they feel we are doing as commanders, and how they feel the Air Force is doing as an organization," said Gen. Gregory Martin, USAFE commander.

The results from the 1999 survey focused efforts in several areas, he explained. Results were incorporated into Strategic and Performance Plans. Results also showed a direct correlation between satisfaction with leadership and the amount of feedback a person received.

"In other words, people who received feedback rated their units higher than those who didn't," Martin said. "At the unit level, we've encouraged our unit commanders to analyze their results and take necessary action."

"Although we've made progress, we can't rest on our laurels. Our members need to know their feedback is valued and acted upon. To that end, I encourage all personnel to take part in the survey this fall."

Breakfast with commander

Beginning Sept. 25, Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, plans to meet with senior airmen and below each month on the fourth Tuesday in the Spangdahlem Air Base dining facility.

Two airmen from each of the four groups, and one from the wing, will have the opportunity to have breakfast with the commander and discuss issues of importance to them.

Office closure

The 52nd Medical Group family practice clinic, including immunizations and outpatient records, closes today for mandatory readiness training, commander's call and a group function.

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Airman 1st Class Jeremy Chirch, 23rd Fighter Squadron crew chief, marshals 1st Lt. Mark VanBrunt, 23rd FS pilot, following end-of-runway checks by weapons crew members to de-arm munitions and check hot brakes and emergency power unit firing.

Denmark skies host 23rd FS Hawks during two-week combined exercise

By Capt. Angela Johnson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office deployed

AIR BASE AALBORG, Denmark — Eight F-16s from the 23rd Fighter Squadron landed here Aug. 17 for a two-week deployment. Approximately 150 airmen from Spangdahlem Air Base are supporting the annual Tactical Fighter Weaponry-01 exercise aimed at training and exercising NATO forces.

The Spangdahlem contingent joins airmen from the 603rd Air Control Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy; the 142nd Fighter Wing from the Portland, Oregon Air National Guard; the 723rd Aerospace Medical Squadron from Ramstein Air Base, Germany; the 100th Air Refueling Wing and aircraft from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

The exercise emphasizes conventional offensive and defensive operations in a joint, combined scenario.

"We will be dropping 500-pound inert bombs, simulating a combat load," said Capt. Pete Tacy, 23rd FS pilot. "The squadron will also fly air-to-air and suppression of enemy air defenses missions throughout the exercise giving us a good opportunity to

train with and against our Danish counterparts."

The 23rd FS brought 78 bombs to drop on the Tranum and Oksboel ranges. Chaff and flare will also be used during air-to-air engagements. Chaff affects the radar picture, while flares protect against heat-seeking missiles by acting as a decoy.

"In Germany, we can't employ chaff and flare. Here we can train the way we would fly in combat," said Capt. Neil Oakden, 23rd FS pilot. "Chaff clutters up the radar, giving a presentation of what you would actually see if this was the real deal."

"The scenario gives us good offensive and defensive training," added Capt. Brian Tash, 23rd FS pilot. "We are flying for both sides in the scenario, both the good guys and the bad guys."

Daily, an air tasking order comes down from the Combined Air Operations Center, giving the pilots the tasks for the following day.

"We know what's in the exercise plan, but it's challenging because we don't know what's out there - it's like combat, expect

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MDG finds 'SMART'er way of ensuring readiness

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Air Base medical officials prescribed a new treatment regime for an ailing preventive health assessment process.

Beginning Sept. 4, the medical group opens its Spangdahlem Medical Annual Readiness Testing office. SMART is a "one-day, one-stop shopping mall" in the Spangdahlem AB clinic designed to improve medical readiness of all

active-duty members on base.

In short, SMART combines all the annual medical- and dental-related appointments into a one-time, one-stop visit for every active-duty member, said Col. Joe Drane, 52nd Medical Group commander. Dental, cycle ergometry, and PHA Parts I and II all take place during a single appointment, annually during people's birth month.

Operational Readiness Inspection results

from July showed Spangdahlem AB had a high no-show rate for PHAs that directly contributed to an unacceptable state of medical readiness.

"We had a 25-percent no-show rate because of high operations tempo and a cumbersome process," Drane said. "A thorough analysis revealed too many people weren't deployable because of incomplete medical or dental issues."

The fix will require some give and take, but

benefits people on base in the long run, he added. "The med group had to give in terms of staff and developing the new process, while the base is being asked to take an entire day once a year to complete their annual medical assessment."

While other bases offer similar assessments, Drane said SMART is unique because of the

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Accidents

By Staff Sgt. Edward D. Paxton
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

(Editor's note: The term airman in this article does not necessarily mean Air Force people in the grades E-1 through E-4, but a generic term for all Air Force members.)

Team Eifel experienced 16 vehicle accidents during the past week, two of which were major.

The first major accident occurred when a civilian employee lost control of his vehicle and drove into a ditch while traveling through Newel. Security forces determined he was traveling too fast for road conditions. His vehicle was totaled and he complained of soreness to his neck and left knee, but declined medical attention.

The other accident happened a quarter-mile from the B-50 traffic circle in Bitburg. An investigation revealed a civilian employee was rear-ended by a German. The civilian employee's vehicle sustained severe damage and he was transported to the Bitburg Annex emergency room for stiffness in his right leg.

The fourteen minor accidents involved:

■ Four for speed too fast for road conditions.

■ Five accidents occurred while backing.

■ Five were from inattentive driving.

In addition to the accidents this past week, 26 citations were issued.

Security forces reminds people to keep the following "no parking" tips in mind (as identified in Spangdahlem Air Base Instruction 31-204):

■ Within 15 feet of fire hydrant, building, intersection or crosswalk.

■ Within 45 feet of bus stops.

■ In designated fire lanes.

■ More than 18 inches from a curb or roadway edge where curbing does not exist.

■ Blocking driveways, intersections, roadways or parking lot lanes, as well as on sidewalks.

■ On the left side of a street facing on-coming traffic.

■ Double parking.

■ In a reserved slot designated for the use of another person.

■ Blocking trash receptacles.

■ In officially designated loading zones during the operating hours of the facility.

■ In excess of 24 hours in public parking lots such as AAFES, post office, bowling alley, Saber Club and Spang Club.

■ Vehicle operators who are found guilty of three violations in a one-year period will have their driving privileges suspended for 90 days.

Please write down and keep in mind the following alternative rides.

AADD 0656561-2233

Taxi- Spangdahlem 06565-951010

Taxi-Bitburg 06561-17066

When in doubt, use your chain of command.



Airman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

Good deeds

Boy Scout Troop 165 member Michael Bongiorno, Bitburg High School student, assembles tables at the Spangdahlem Air Base chapel for his Eagle Scout project. Helping him out with the project is fellow Boy Scout Tim Ebert Jr., while troop leader Master Sgt. Nick Bongiorno, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron at Buechel Air Base, looks on. On average, only one in 10 Scouts attain the rank of Eagle Scout -- a rank highly sought after.

Denmark

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the unexpected," Oakden said. "It's good training because it teaches us to work in a total-force concept, like in the Air Expeditionary Force deployments. Here we not only get to fight with the Air National Guard, but also with NATO assets. In Germany, we get used to doing the same thing, seeing the same ranges and flying in the same environment. Here we see something different."

A naval exercise, DanEx, takes place at the same time as TFW-01, which involves members of the Danish, German and U.S. navies. There is potential for the 23rd FS pilots to get tasked to attack some of the naval ships during the first week of the TFW-01.

The exercise scenario will be conducted all over Denmark, the North Sea, Baltic approaches and Southern Norway.

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truly "all-in-one" nature. For example, Ramstein AB provides one-day PHAs, but only for pilots and tied cycle egrometry to all other PHAs. The 52nd MDG surveyed the Ramstein and other programs, and modified them to include the dental exam and cleaning locally so essentially it will be a program of "one-stop shopping" for all active-duty members.

Maj. Deborah Milano, SMART project officer, explained how the process works.

■ Patients receive notification of their scheduled SMART appointment through their unit orderly room or health adviser about three to four weeks in advance. Notification includes any special instructions that apply, such as fasting 12-14 hours prior to having blood drawn for lab work.

■ Monday through Friday, five groups of four people each are scheduled. (Except the first Thursday of each month because the hospital closes all but essential services for readiness training.)

■ Family practice patients report to the SMART office in the Spangdahlem Air Base hospital at 7:30 a.m. the day of the appointment for a mass briefing. Patients normally seen at flight medicine report there at 7 a.m. for their briefing.

■ Each of the five groups ultimately visit the same clinics, such as dental and ergo, only on a different time schedule throughout the day. These schedules are explained to each group during the mass briefing.

■ Clipboards and badges are provided to patients. The badges inform people at clinics the patient is undergoing an annual health assessment. The clipboards allow people to keep track of the paperwork that needs signatures at each stop.

■ By the end of the day, most people are finished with their annual health assessment and are medically ready to deploy for the next year.

"That's the biggest benefit; people won't have to go to several different appointments during the year," Milano said. "It's all done in one day."

Unfortunately, she said there is going to be down time where people are just waiting. Some of that's intentional and some unavoidable.

"We built some of that in to allow people to change clothes for cycle ergometry and have lunch," said Lt. Col. Lorrie Cappellino, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron commander. "In addition, sometimes people will have to wait for lab results to be completed so physicians can review them. All the data has to be gathered from throughout

the day to accurately access their health."

For the majority of people, that's it in a nutshell; "for most people," Cappellino emphasized. For those who require follow-up procedures, for example mammograms or dental fillings, they'll have to return to those clinics to complete those procedures.

"We won't be able to do everything that every patient may need in one day," she said. "As a result, the assessment isn't complete and people aren't deployable until those follow ups are done."

A majority of the problem with medical readiness rates in the past resulted from incomplete PHAs because people didn't return for their follow up and there was a breakdown in tracking that. The fix, then, was health fairs.

"Doing health fairs is not the way to be ready to deploy," said Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "We had to find a way to better serve our people and meet our mission requirements."

While health fairs won't go away for another eight to 12 months (it's going to take that long to get most of the active-duty population on the annual schedule), the Air Force developed a new database to track the status of every person's SMART.

"We can go into this database and

immediately determine what hasn't been done," Cappellino said. "At that time, in many cases we'll be able to take care of the problem on the processing line."

The other big problem that degraded medical readiness was no-shows, a problem for which Ihde has the fix.

"I've made it a policy that the only reasons for a SMART no-show is if people already have leave or TDY scheduled when they receive notification," he said. "Medical readiness is a top priority; a must do for all. No-shows will be taken much more seriously than in the past."

Cappellino cautions people who need to cancel a SMART must do so more than 24 hours in advance. A cancellation within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment is considered a no-show because it's too late to fill that appointment with someone else.

"There's a feeling of satisfaction when you walk into a neighborhood store with a long 'to do' list and walk out with virtually everything checked off that list," Drane said. "In addition to increasing medical readiness, we're hoping for the same with SMART."



file photo/Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero

Senior Airman Christine Carrington, 22nd Fighter Squadron weapons, attaches a 20mm ammunition loader to an F-16 during a deployment to Turkey in June.

Spang sends 180 to train in Nevada

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office deployed

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. - More than 180 people, mostly from the 22nd Fighter Squadron, recently deployed here to take part in "invaluable" weapons training.

During the first two weeks of the month-long deployment, the Stingers are supporting the U.S. Air Force Weapons School by flying as adversaries, explained Lt. Col. Tim Strawther, squadron commander. During this time, they will be going up against the F-15E division as part of the division's air combat maneuvering portion of their training. In addition, the 22nd FS is also training with live air-to-ground munitions on the Nellis AFB range complex. Live munitions training is very difficult to complete in Europe.

The last two weeks has the "Big 22"

flying in the exercise Red Flag. Established in 1975, Red Flag is the largest composite training exercise in the world.

"This two-week exercise is invaluable for the squadron to prepare for Air Expeditionary Force and real-world combat operations," Strawther said. "The Stingers will be (suppression of enemy air defense) escorts for more than 40 strikers, who will try to get to their targets against aggressor aircraft and surface threat arrays. The airspace, training support and sortie support equipment are the best in the world."

The 22nd FS, along with others deployed from squadrons such as the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, 52nd Supply Squadron and the maintenance operations center, are scheduled to return to Spangdahlem Air Base during the first part of September.

SGLI automatically expands coverage to family members

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1.

The government has always had an excellent estate program to protect family members in case of a service member's death, said Maj. Jeffrey T. Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. However, little has been available to provide the military member financial protection in the event of a family member's death.

Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant, Keef said. The member will have the option to decline spouse coverage if submitted in writing.

The maximum automatic coverage is \$100,000 for a member's spouse, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000, Keef said. However, the amount of coverage of a member's spouse can't exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse's age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage.

For example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month.

There is also a policy conversion option for the insured spouse after loss of eligibility for SGLI, he said.

Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premiums will be charged the member, Keef said. In cases where both parents are eligible SGLI participants, more than one member may not insure the child.

In the event of a family member's death, any insurance in effect will be paid to the insuring member. If the member passes away before payment can be made, then the amount will go to the people named as the member's beneficiaries.

"The Air Force sees this as a good deal for its members," Keef said. "By allowing members who have elected coverage only under SGLI to opt for family member coverage, we are putting them on equal ground with civilians who might obtain family coverage as a rider to their master civilian life insurance policies," he explained. "This relieves our members from having to seek out more than one provider to acquire coverage for the entire family."

Military personnel flights can expect to receive detailed implementing instructions in September. For more information go to the SGLI homepage at www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm.

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For urgent care, go to the emergency room on the Bitburg Annex. For more information, call 452-8142.

Squadron activation

As directed by the Chief of Staff Logistics Review, the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional) activated today at Spangdahlem Air Base.

The new unit combines the 52nd Supply and Transportation squadrons. In addition, logistics plans becomes part of the new squadron.

Maj. Inez Sookma, former transportation commander, assumed command of the unit during a ceremony this morning. For more on the 52nd LRS(P), see next week's Eifel Times.

Court-martial

A panel of officers and enlisted members sentenced Master Sgt. Kent Irvin to one-year confinement, a bad conduct discharge and reduction to airman basic in a general court-martial Aug. 15.

Irvin, assigned to NATO AWACS at Gellenkirchen NATO Air Base, Germany, pleaded guilty to one specification of possessing child pornography.

Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area suspends all transactions Sept. 4-30 to conduct a 100-percent stockpile inventory. During the inventory, only emergency requests submitted in accordance with directives will be processed. For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Keyser at 452-6230.

Air Force Ball

The Company Grade Officer's Council-sponsored Air Force Ball Sept. 7 celebrates the service's 54th birthday. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center.

This year's theme is "NATO and Spangdahlem Air Base United in Airpower." Brig. Gen. Robert Elder Jr., NATO Reaction Force Air Staff deputy director at Allied Command Europe in Kalkar, Germany, is the guest speaker.

Dress is mess dress or semi-formal for military members. Tickets are available now by e-mailing unit first sergeants or designated points of contact.

Readiness council

The 52nd Fighter Wing Readiness Council meets Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. in the building 23 wing conference room. All commanders or readiness representatives should attend. For more information, call Capt. Lori Kabel at 452-6501.

DOD survey

The 52nd Fighter Wing has been asked by the Air Force Personnel Center to take part in the 2001 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel.

The Research Triangle Institute was contracted to conduct the survey of about 800 people from Spangdahlem AB beginning Sept. 24, according to Tech. Sgt. Troy Hendrix, 52nd Mission Support Squadron.

More information about the survey is available at www.rti.org or by calling

Hendrix at 452-6554.

Consular Outreach Day

Because of the LSN Phase II scheduled for Sept. 17-21, the Consular Outreach Day originally scheduled for Sept. 19 will be rescheduled.

Former AF One retires

The Secretary of the Air Force announced recently that former Air Force One aircraft, C-137, 72-7000, will be retired to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., when the aircraft completes its service life at the end of September.

"We are extremely pleased with the vision set forth by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation," said James Roche, Air Force secretary. "Not only do they have the commitment to preserve this significant piece of American history, but their proximity to Los Angeles metropolitan area provides opportunities for millions of people to view this historic aircraft."

The aircraft was President Reagan's

**Faculty, commanders,
parents, Eifel community
band together to offer
the best education possible
as students head ...**

BACK TO SCHOOL



Efforts paying off

By Gen. Gregory S. Martin
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

The start of the 2001-2002 school year is just days away. As members of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe community, we all have a stake in our children's education. Parents, teachers and school administrators have rolled up their sleeves and worked together for the past few years to tackle the challenges of educating our children. This effort is paying off, and we're now seeing some of the results.

This school year, Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe and USAFE will continue the two-year test of school boards. So far, it has been an extremely successful endeavor. Parents who stepped forward last year as board members showed a tremendous effort in making the board structure responsive. Issues were brought to the table that communities and district superintendents worked cooperatively to resolve. These included school bus

discipline policies, staffing standards, mentor training, re-districting plans, facility repairs, bus safety attendants, school nurses and drug counselors.

As a parent of a student in the DODDS system, I am convinced of the power of this forum.

The command has been very aggressive in letting DODDS-E leadership know what we want from the schools system. It is important to recognize DODDS-E is acting on our requests. As a result, full-time nurses will be available at all schools for the first time this year. In addition, all DODDS-E middle schools are now authorized a gifted education teacher.

More USAFE schools will see full-day kindergarten and a 1-to-18 teacher/pupil ratio in grades one through three. High school principals are developing individualized school plans to help juniors and seniors prepare for the SAT. Moreover, the Department of Defense School Activity will pay for every 10th-grader to take the pre-SAT in preparation for the SAT.

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'Principally' speaking

(Editor's Note: Each of the five area schools principals were asked to provide information for this "Back to School" special in the Eifel Times. The following is what they had to say to parents, students and the community.)

■ **Ruth Morgan**, Spangdahlem Elementary School principal, 452-6881, principal_Spangdahlem_es@eu.odedodea.edu

"Three other faculty members and I attended technology training in Virginia this past summer. The 'Technology Team' will lead the staff development as we emphasize the use of technology as an important tool to sustain 'engaged learning.'

"The classroom teachers will immediately begin using our brand new computers we received in July, and will carefully plan for and use this powerful resource to enhance our total school curriculum.

"The SES faculty remains committed to

open communications and to keeping our parents involved and well informed. A parent is always a child's first and foremost teacher. The school sends home the Parent Page, our weekly newsletter, each Friday.

"We also have one of the most active Parent, Teacher, Student Associations I've seen. We encourage all parents to join. The volunteers in this association are extremely supportive of our children.

"We're making concerted efforts to strengthen ties with the middle school for a more cohesive school community on Spangdahlem Air Base. Our faculty from last year returns with four new staff members, all transferring to us from within the Department of Defense Dependent Schools — two from Germany and two from Pacific Air Forces.

"DODDS has also finalized the Community Strategic Plan. The No. 1 goal is high student achievement. Success for students will always receive the strongest attention from all staff members in all curricular areas. This year, we pledge our efforts to 'make a difference' in the educational lives of our students. We expect all parents to be our partners on this journey."

■ **Elizabeth Childs**, Spangdahlem Middle School principal, 452-7205, principal_Spangdahlem_ms@ed.odedodea.edu

"I'm honored and excited about the opportunity to be a part of the Spangdahlem Middle School family. I look forward to meeting and learning from the SMS students, teachers, parents and community leaders, and sharing experiences with them. Open, two-way communications are important to the learning experience and I invite you all to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas to

help make our school the best it can be."

■ **Susan Ussery**, Bitburg Elementary School principal, 452-9215, principal_Bitburg_es@eu.odedodea.edu

"We're excited at Bitburg Elementary School this year to inaugurate our Reading Counts program. This is a motivational reading program for all students that uses the computer to track progress. Students have the opportunity to select books at their reading level and experience success with their reading.

"We also welcome parents and community members to visit our school and volunteer in our classrooms regularly. Our doors are always open.

"Learning expectations for our students are high at BES. We're committed to working in partnership with the community to build students' pride and self-worth. We believe that learning is important; that all students are important; that all students can learn; and we won't give up on anyone."

■ **Virginia Briggs**, Bitburg Middle School, 452-9110, principal_Bitburg_ms@eu.odedodea.edu

"Bitburg Middle School begins the year with an on-going commitment to the middle school philosophy and the infusion of research-based best practices regarding instruction, assessment and social development.

"A major new theme will permeate our learning environment with the onset of our new C.A.R.E. initiative - Citizenship, Attitude, Respect and Empathy. It's designed to provide a nurturing environment that emphasizes both

social and academic growth.

"As always, there's an open door policy as schedules permit, and a continuing quest for increased parent involvement. It's vital for us to have parents take part in our School Improvement Process, as we can't develop a truly meaningful plan without parent input. We're also looking for a volunteer coordinator to get our volunteer program underway. Anyone interested can call for details.

"Our Parent, Teacher, Student Association provides solid support and our School Advisory Committee remains an effective body of support.

"We have seven new teachers joining our BMS family, and we're delighted to have them. Four join us from stateside schools, two are local hires who were substitutes and one comes from Misawa, Japan.

"We look forward to the new school year, and as always, our bottom line at BMS is increasing achievement for all of our students."

■ **Marjorie Lewallen**, Bitburg High School principal, 452-9202, principal_Bitburg_hs@eu.odedodea.edu

"The Bitburg High School staff will look at test data to determine individual needs of students and tailoring to promote success for all students. I do have an open door policy and hold an informal monthly coffee so parents can come in at their convenience to discuss issues or learn more about the school.

"We're all excited about the start of a new school year with our returning students and all of our new students."

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on preventing school tragedies like the ones that have taken place in the United States recently. Past incidents and climate surveys are used to paint a picture of the most likely internal threats and pinpoint corrective action.

School administrators will complete assessments in November. Then, communities can work on corrective actions to foster safer school environments.

Overall, we're on the right track. Concrete improvements are in place. The challenge now is to keep the momentum going. The responsibility rests on all of us. No parent, teacher, administrator or commander can do it alone.

Let me take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all of you who have become engaged and committed to helping us improve our schools here in Europe. You have made a big difference. Please rededicate yourselves to that very important effort as we launch into a new school year. (USAFE News Service)



School liaison

By Audrey Burkel
Eifel schools liaison officer

In my capacity as schools liaison officer, I serve as the logistical and administrative liaison among the base, school officials and local community.

I'm not chartered to make or dictate Department of Defense Dependent Schools policy, but to help enhance communication throughout the Eifel community by striving to improve school, home and command partnership opportunities among commanders, parents and DODDS.

A few, but not all, of the more recognizable programs handled through this office include managing the free and reduced lunch program application process, school bus discipline, and managing and budgeting the schools cafeteria equipment program. The lunch program itself, under U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines, is managed and controlled by AAFES.

Free and reduced lunches

Applications are available at any of the Eifel

school registrar offices, the 52nd Support Group command section in building 151 and soon via the intranet. Copies of applicable leave and earning statements for military members and pay statements for spouses must be included with the application. Completed packages may be dropped off at school registrar offices, support group command section or mailed to the address included in the application package. Eligibility is based upon sponsor and spouses combined incomes to include housing allowances.

Qualification letters are sent to people eligible. These letters can then be taken to either main exchange cashier cage for lunch coupons.

The AAFES Overseas School Meal Program prices remain unchanged from last year. Reduced meal rates are 40 cents. Regular lunch prices are:

■Elementary and middle school students — \$1.95

■High school students — \$2.10

■Non-students — \$3.20

Wing family days

One of the most frequently asked questions is why don't 52nd Fighter Wing Family Days coincide with school down days or vice, versa. This is looked at closely by wing leadership and every effort is made to coincide the dates, but despite all efforts, this isn't always possible.

As with the Consolidated Tasking Schedule, the DODDS schedule is projected a year in advance; however, military operations may force unavoidable adjustments that unfortunately don't coincide with those of DODDS.



In the classroom



High school schedules

High school students need to report to the cafeteria at 8 a.m. Monday to pick up schedules to start classes for the new school year.

School bus news

Students riding the bus must have a new pass for school year 2001-2002. Students registered before Aug. 3 should have already received a pass.

Students needing a pass or who haven't received theirs in the mail can visit the Eifel School Bus Office 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday in building 459 on the Spangdahlem Elementary School grounds. Students should bring a completed Defense Department Form 600. Call 452-5340 for details.

Open houses, orientation

Bitburg High School holds a parents' orientation 4-6:30 p.m. Monday. Call 452-9337 for more information.

Spangdahlem Middle School holds an open house for students and parents 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. Monday. Parents may meet teachers, attend classes and eat lunch with their children.

In addition, Elizabeth Childs, the new SMS principal, holds a parents' forum 1:15-2:35 p.m. For more information, call the school at 452-7259.

Spangdahlem Elementary School holds an open house at 6 p.m. Sept. 12 in the cafeteria. Families are invited to attend, and parents will have the chance to meet teachers and tour the school.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided at the event, sponsored by the SES Parent, Teacher and Student Association. For more information, contact Lisa Duke, PTSA president, at lisa.duke@ptamail.com.

Bitburg Elementary School invites parents to its "welcome, meet and greet" starting at 10:40 a.m. Monday in the school cafeteria to learn about school updates. In addition, the Parent and Teacher Association holds a hot dog lunch at 11:15 a.m. followed by teachers' meetings from noon to 2 p.m.

Book fair

During the Spangdahlem Middle School orientation Monday, the Parent, Teacher and Student Association holds a book fair with more than 300 titles from which to choose. Newly designed school shirts will also be on sale.

Volunteer orientation

A volunteer orientation geared toward parents takes place at 8:15 a.m. Sept. 5 in the Spangdahlem Elementary School cafeteria. Representatives from the American Red Cross and the family support center will provide information

and answer questions. Refreshments and coffee will be served.

The SES Parent, Teacher and Student Association, sponsors the event. For more information, call Rebecca Pryor, parent involvement chair, at 06562-966903 or e-mail to pryorfamilyuk@hotmail.com.

Club Beyond

Jeni Varnadeau, a Christian music artist, performs during a Club Beyond school kick-off event beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex chapel. All high school and middle school students are invited.

For more information, call Airman Andrew Schmidt at 452-6711.

Cross-country coach

Bitburg High School needs a cross-country coach. Candidates should be skilled in conditioning, running strategies and sportsmanship. The season runs through Oct. 27.

For more information, call BHS at 452-9337 or 452-9202.

Cheerleading sponsor

Bitburg High School accepts applications for a cheerleading sponsor for the upcoming football season. For more information, call the school at 452-9337 or 452-9202.

Bulldog cookbook

The Spangdahlem Middle School Parent, Teacher and Student Association accepts favorite family recipes through Sept. 15 for the Bulldog cookbook, which will be available for purchase in autumn. E-mail recipes to SMS_PTSA@hotmail.com or deliver them to the middle school office throughout the summer. Call Mia Checkley at 06565-933303 for more information.

E-mail, Web sites

The following e-mail addresses and Web sites offer people different ways to access information and raise questions or concerns about DODDS:

■Audrey Burkel, Eifel schools liaison office, 452-6942, 52sptg.dodds@spangdahlem.af.mil, intranet.Spangdahlem.af.mil/52FW/52FWGroups/52SG_Staff/Schools%20Liaison.asp

■Linda Curtis, Brussels District superintendent, www.brus-dso.odcdodea.edu/schools/

■United States Air Forces in Europe DODDS Web site, www.mil.usafe.af.mil/direct/dp/dodds.htm

■Dr. Joe Tafoya, Department of Defense Education Activity, www.odcdodea.edu/



Community Mailbox

Fishing

The Eifel Angler's German-American fishing club invites members and people serious about membership to a barbecue and fishing day noon Saturday in St. Thomas. Call Gene Lee at 452-5654 for details.

Dental assistant training

The 52nd Dental Squadron and American Red Cross join together to offer a six-month dental assistant training program.

Applications, available at either the Spangdahlem Air Base or Bitburg Annex dental clinics, are due by close of business today. Interviews for potential candidates take place Monday and Tuesday. An orientation for people selected takes place Aug. 31, with class starting Sept. 10.

This lengthy course costs more than \$2,000 per student in the United States, but is offered for free here.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline McLear at 452-8230.

Support group

The diabetes support group meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Call 452-8142 for details.

TRICARE Plus town meeting

A town hall meeting takes place to discuss TRICARE Plus 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Spangdahlem Air Base NCO Club.

The program primarily targets U.S. military retirees and their families. TRICARE Plus becomes available Oct. 1.

For more information, call the health



Iris Reiff

Show and tell

First Lt. Brandon Roth, 23rd Fighter Squadron, answers a guest's question on the F-16 during the Hahn in Motion air show Saturday. Two F-16Cs and an A-10 from Spangdahlem Air Base were among the many display aircraft at the show. About 80,000 people attended Germany's largest air show at the former U.S.-operated base.

benefits advisers at 452-8150 on Spangdahlem Air Base or 452-3140 on the Bitburg Annex.

Women's club

The German-American Women's Club meets at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Bitburg Bedaplatz Volksbank. Call Nicole Pendley at 06561-949101 or Uschi Lafrenz at 06561-7769 by Tuesday for reservations.

Holiday bazaar

Private organizations interested in operating a food booth at the 2001 Eifel Holiday Bazaar should request applications by Oct. 1. Call Diane McNamara at 06562-932840, Roberta Shipp at 06575-903414 or e-mail FOODBOOTH01@aol.com for details.

Puppy kindergarten

A class for puppies' 6-months-old and younger takes place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 18 through Oct. 19. Call the pet spa at 452-9362 for details.

Red Cross needs instructors

The American Red Cross needs people who are certified Red Cross instructors in first aid, CPR, baby-sitting and emergency response.

To volunteer, call the Red Cross at 452-9440 or 452-9241.

Special Children's Day

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Spangdahlem Air Base Special Children's

Day steering committee. For more information or to volunteer, call 2nd Lt. Robert Shipp Jr. at 452-6112 or 452-7410.

Family support center news

■Travel to Bernkastel, Germany, Sept. 1. Trip includes lunch at a vineyard, a wine probe, a Mosel River cruise and the local wine festival. Cost is \$40 per person. Registration deadline is Monday. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

The following classes take place in building 307 on Spangdahlem Air Base. Call 452-6422 for details or to register.

■Deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Tuesday.

■European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Monday.

■Individual Retirement Accounts, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

The following classes take place in building 2001 on the Bitburg Annex. Call 452-9491 for details or to register.

■Deployment briefing, 8-9 a.m. Wednesday.

■Book club discusses "Ladder of Years," by Ann Taylor, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

■Travel by train to Luxembourg, 7:30 a.m. Aug. 31. Cost is 50 DM. Meet at the Bitburg Annex commissary.

Education news

■The Air Force Spouses Scholarship program assists 30 spouses worldwide with \$1,000 scholarships toward associate or bachelor degree programs. Applications are available in the education center. Deadline to apply is Nov. 1. Scholarships are awarded at the end of January.

■First-time enlistees who enlisted May 5, 2000, or later and have outstanding college student loans may be eligible for the College Loan Repayment Plan.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 for more information.

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Col. Greg Ihde

Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- Direct.Line@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the *Eifel Times* at 452-5244 for more information.

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WOW factor

Keep in mind connection to mission

By Col. Ian P. O'Connell
52nd Support Group commander

Every day, almost all of us assigned to Spangdahlem AB watch the visible part of our wing mission lift off from the runway. Every one of us knows if not for those F-16s and A/OA-10s, we would not be here.

However, with everything members of Team Eifel do for the 52nd Fighter Wing, sometimes it's difficult to keep people motivated and customers happy because we can't always see the connection between what we do daily and the execution of the mission.

A chief I learned a great deal from at a previous assignment had three factors he believed cause us to struggle — visible failure, invisible success and the transitory "wow!"

A lot more people than we'd like see our failures, but success often seems invisible. Consider some statements that are probably never heard, such as, "We had 866,000 feet of water main that didn't fail and 939 buildings that didn't suffer fire damage this week," "Terrorists didn't damage any of our 60 aircraft," "We served 15,000 meals and no one came down with food poisoning," "7,500 people didn't get sick," and "Not a single

household goods shipment was late."

There are many more examples, but I'm sure you get the point. Much of what we do is expected and successfully completing the mission is often taken for granted. We deliver water, power, security, food, transportation, medical care and countless other products and services everyday. These services are taken for granted and if customers do thank us, it seems odd.

Imagine a squadron commander calling the civil engineers to say, "Thanks for providing runways, barriers and taxiways for my aircraft as well as sound buildings with dependable power, potable water and indoor plumbing for my people. You really made my job easier." That would seem odd; however, have you ever noticed the look on someone's face when they do get thanked for a job well done?

The third factor is the transitory "wow!" Every innovation and service enhancement or customer feature soon becomes the expectation. People only say "wow" once. What was "wow" yesterday is expected today.

Consider the evolution of computers. I remember the first computer I owned, a Tandy 1,000 with 64K RAM and a single 5 1/4-inch floppy drive. Remember the first

time you got a hard drive, modem, CD-ROM, speakers or a color monitor for your computer? The first time I saw each of these features I thought, "wow!" But now I can't imagine buying a computer without them (and a lot more). What was once "wow" has become ho-hum.

How do we overcome these challenges and keep people motivated and our customers happy? To overcome invisible success and visible failure we measure and accentuate the positive. Accentuating the many positives rather than the few negatives can do a lot for perceptions.

Imagine if a soap product's slogan was, "Less than 1-percent unidentifiable gunk you don't want touching your body." It's the same concept as "more than 99 and 44/100ths-percent pure," but it provides a much different perception.

To overcome the transient "wow," we constantly strive for new wows. Innovation is the key to wow, and when you hear "wow," it's worth it, even if it is transitory.

We need to accentuate the invisible successes. We need to learn from and not dwell on the visible failures. We should convert the "wow" into visible success.

TRICARE

Offering seamless care, improved access for all

By Capt. Kirt Peterson
52nd Medical Group
TRICARE chief

Since worldwide implementation in 1998, the goal of TRICARE has been to supplement the health care resources at military treatment facilities with a network of civilian health care professionals to provide quality care and improve access of care for our beneficiaries.

What does that mean to us in the Eifel military community? Your TRICARE benefit is a complete healthcare plan and allows you seamless, quality and timely care whether it's given in military hospitals or civilian healthcare facilities downtown.

Access to quality healthcare is the key. Since TRICARE's implementation, access has dramatically improved for specialty care services. This improvement is because of the development of an efficient referral network of military physicians and local national healthcare providers. This alliance drastically reduces waiting times for all specialty care appointments such as orthopedics, and ear, nose and throat. An added benefit for

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries overseas is there is no cost for any care received either in the military hospital or in a host nation facility.

The TRICARE commitment is to provide appointments within pre-established standards — 24-hour access for acute care, seven-day access for routine visits and 30-day access for wellness and specialty care. If the 52nd Medical Group is unable to meet these standards, it will engage its network of local national healthcare providers. Our team at the 52nd MDG works closely with these civilian physicians establishing a seamless healthcare benefit.

Our goal is to make your experience the best it can be and help you in any way we can to obtain the healthcare you need.

A team of healthcare benefit advisers stands ready to assist in any way with your TRICARE benefit. The HBAs ensure all civilian network physicians speak English. Also, the HBAs thoroughly review the physician's credentials, and perform initial and yearly site visits of the host nation providers.

TRICARE Service Centers

are located at Spangdahlem Air Base and on the Bitburg Annex, with bilingual HBAs available to assist you with your health care needs. They have extensive knowledge of how the system works and will make sure it works correctly for you. Their knowledge of the German language, culture and local area will help relieve any apprehension you may have when attending an appointment with a local national physician.

For more information about the referral process, what to expect at local host nation treatment facilities or other TRICARE benefits issues, call the HBAs/patient liaisons at:

■ Spangdahlem AB — Rose Bishop at 452-8150 or Elisabeth Geiser at 452-8145.

■ Bitburg Annex — Brigitte Bell at 452-3104 or Beate Wyman at 452-3148.

We are more than willing to help you gain a better understanding of your TRICARE benefit and we will gladly attend any commander's call or similar organizational meeting throughout the Eifel community to explain TRICARE in more detail.

Direct Line

WIC implementation

Question: I'm curious why Spangdahlem Air Base has not implemented the Women, Infant and Children program. I recall reading in an earlier *Eifel Times* article that WIC was coming and it was supposed to be in operation this summer. I understand it's a government program that helps lower income families by supplementing women, infants and children with basic nutrients that those who qualify may not be able to afford themselves.

Upon asking officials throughout the base, I still can't get a firm answer on when it will be available here. I have noticed several other Air Force as well as Army base's in Europe are operating the program.

Have there been any setbacks for Spangdahlem AB? If so, could you please help the community understand what those are, and when and where we can expect a WIC office locally?

Answer: You're right; WIC is coming to United States Air Forces in Europe. As you mentioned, WIC is a government program that helps lower income and nutritionally "at risk" families by supplementing them with nutritionally sound food products.

The contractor for USAFE is systematically implementing WIC at Army, Air Force and Navy installations, one at a time. They have already conducted a job fair at Spangdahlem AB and are in the process of hiring employees to implement WIC in the Eifel.

The 52nd Fighter Wing is currently in the process of securing an appropriate location for WIC that is convenient for their customers. We plan to have WIC implemented before the end of November. Information will be published in the base newspaper about location and opening dates in the near future.

If you have further questions, please contact Capt. Dwayne Buckingham at dwayne.buckingham@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Score (R)

An aging thief retires to live off of his riches by running a Montreal jazz lounge, but a young upstart blackmails him into doing one more heist. The unlikely alliance requires Nick to violate his most important rule to always work alone.

Saturday

Moulin Rouge (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

Satine, the Sparkling Diamond star of the Moulin Rouge, and the city's most famous courtesan is caught between the love of a young writer and another man's obsession. The writer, Christian, finds himself plunged into this decadent world where anything goes except falling in love.

The Score

Sunday

The Animal (PG-13)

After a near-fatal car crash, Marvin has no idea he is about to become a guinea pig for a bizarre procedure in which his body is repaired with a strange fusion of animal organs. As the animals within him start to take over, his world gets more unpredictable.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Jurassic Park 3 (PG-13)

The Lost World's Site B has been quarantined for five years, but when a boy trying to get a look at the creatures gets stranded there, a rescue mission is formed. However, there have been some unpleasant developments since man was last there.

Thursday

Evolution (PG-13)

Community college professors, Harry and Ira, are clearly waiting for something better to happen in their lives. When they're called in to investigate a meteor crash site they see an opportunity for discovering alien life on Earth. Then, of course, they start to figure out that might not be such a good thing.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Tonight

Jurassic Park 3

Saturday

Jurassic Park 3

Evolution (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

(Editor's Note: Starting last week, AAFES tests offering a 9:30 p.m. showing each Saturday at Spangdahlem AB only.)

Sunday

Jurassic Park 3

Monday

The Animal

Tuesday

Evolution

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Past meets present in Manderscheid

Knights on horses, jousting tourney highlight weekend

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The ruins of two splendid fortresses (an upper and lower) form an impressive background for a historical castle celebration Saturday and Sunday at the health resort of Manderscheid, located in the heart of the Eifel.

At the Turnierweise, or jousting and training meadow at the foot of the Niederburg or lower castle, groups of knights create a jousting place during the two-day tournament. The knights on their horses battle with lances and swords, bows and spears.

Minstrel singers and small singing groups present songs and ballads from three centuries ago. They will accompany dances from the 15th and 16th centuries on historical instruments. A small village will be built on the jousting meadow to show what life was like in the Middle Ages.

A traditional handicraft market will be set up the same time and will remain open on both days.

The festival officially kicks off Saturday at 2 p.m. with announcements and musical entertainment by local groups. Next are fencing performances, medieval group and solo singing performances and speeches by



Knights, such as those pictured, perform fencing tournaments during the Manderscheid castle festival Saturday and Sunday

Poeta Magica, tricks by Apts Ludus, performances by the Walpurga witch, magic tricks by Passepartout, a concert, dances, plays and juggling acts.

Throughout the event, historical fencing groups featuring knights on horses can be seen at the meadow grounds. Puppet plays by Pole Poppenspaer, entertainment by the street musician Robert Klein and a children's knight tournament are also scheduled. These are just some highlight events to be found at the Manderscheid festival.

A fireworks display from the castles at 10:30 p.m. tops off Saturday's events. Many visitors are expected to be present throughout the streets of Manderscheid by 10 p.m.

Major fencing tournaments take place at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, featuring the "Ritter des Loewenbanners." Entertainment continues until about 10 p.m. when this year's Manderscheid historical festival

comes to an end with a "Great Curfew." A special handicraft market also takes place around the castle.

Festivities cost 10 DM for adults and 7 DM for youth, ages 12-17. Children younger than 12 get in for free.

Manderscheid's two castle ruins can also be visited daily throughout the year. The Oberburg (upper castle) the oldest, dates back to 973. Entry is free.

The Niederburg (lower castle) was erected in 1173. It's open 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, except for Tuesday (shorter hours from November to March.)

Manderscheid is located north of the Mosel River, directly north of Autobahn A-48. To get there, take a right outside the main gate and follow the signs. As you near Manderscheid stay on the main road until you get to the first main intersection. Take a right at this intersection, following the signs "Zu den Burgen," which means to the castles.



Out and about



■The 32nd Gerolstein Sprudel festival takes place tonight in Gerolstein, featuring music and entertainment.

■The 2nd Division of the Wittlich-Wengerohr Police Academy celebrates its 50th anniversary Sunday, and invites base members to join in the activities. The event starts at 10 a.m. with the opening of various exhibition stands. A concert by the Platten music association takes place at 11 a.m., followed by a Polizei Orchester concert at 12:30 p.m. The day continues with Polizei rescue demonstrations at 2 p.m., inline skating at 2:30 p.m., Polizei dog demos at 3:30 p.m., joint rescue measures at 4 p.m., special forces helicopter demos at 4:30 p.m., a concert by the Dreis music association at 5 p.m., and video presentations noon to 6 p.m. Other activities include bow shooting 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., a Polizei motorcycle carousel 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., a public climbing wall 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., shooting opportunities 11

a.m. to 6 p.m., and Polizei puppet performances at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information about the event or directions, call Wittlich-Wengerohr Polizei officials at 06571-104-0.

■Shop at a flea market Sunday in front of the Wittlich Moebel Kings furniture store; inside and outside the Cloister Macher, located near the town of Zeltingen; as a part of the Gerolstein Sprudel festival; at the Daun Forum; in front of Trier-Zewen Extra market; in front of the Morbach REWE Markt; in front of the Aachen WalMart store and as a part of the Mainz city festival and wine market.

■Saarburg sponsors rowing championships on the Saar river Sunday.

■Interested in meeting new people and practicing your language skills? Join one of the German-American Women's Club's small conversation groups for coffee and dessert.

Call Nicole Pendley at 06561-949101 or Uschi Lafrenz at 06561-7769 if you are interested in attending an English, German, Spanish or French conversation group.

■Plan to attend a great Roman's Festival Sept. 8-9 at the Villa Otrang in Fliessen, near Bitburg. The event is organized by the "Milites Bedenses" Roman Knights of Bitburg. More information about this event will appear in an upcoming edition of the Eifel Times.

■WorldCircus takes place at 6 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Trier St. Maximin hall. It is a musical journey of people in the world, reaching different continents, music and acrobatics featuring Sam Tshabalala & Sabeka, South African jazz, Reggae and Funk music, ADESA Sankof, Ghana acrobatic, street dancing performances, juggling performances and Fair Play Tour d'Europe. Tickets are 30 DM for adults and 15 DM for children. For details, call 0228-

2288123. Tickets can be obtained from the Trier Jacoby Drogerie or the Trier Ticket Service.

■Richtig, a part of Zeltingen-Richtig sponsors a popular street festival with Mosel wines and food specialties today through Sunday.

■Get ready for the Bernkastel Middle Mosel Wine Festival Thursday through Sept. 3 throughout the town. This is a highlight event of the area. Details will appear in the next issue of the Eifel Times.

■People interested in joining a Linux users group based in Geilenkirchen, Germany, should contact Chris Bragg at chris@gklug.org or visit the group's Web site at <http://gklug.org>.

■People interested in playing paintball games each Saturday should contact Morgan Bowker at morgan@topsurl.com or call 06568-93063.